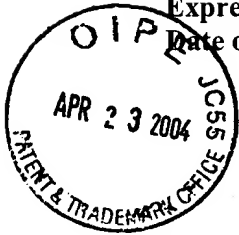


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 29, 2003, Applicant herewith submits this Amendment and response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, as follows:

Amendments to the claims are shown in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 10 of this paper.

Also submitted herewith is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and the extension fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). Applicant further submits a Notice of Appeal and the appeal fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b).

Entry and consideration of this after-final Amendment and accompanying papers in the application is respectfully requested.